RELATED ISSUE 2

To what extent should national interest be pursued?

Key Issue
To what extent should we embrace nationalism?

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To what extent should nation be the foundation of identity?

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Chapter 5

National Interest and Foreign Policy

To what extent do national interest and foreign policy shape each other?

How are nationalism and national interest related?

How has national interest shaped foreign policy?

How has foreign policy shaped national interest?

Chapter 6

Nationalism and Ultranationalism

To what extent can nationalism lead to ultranationalism?

What is ultranationalism?

How does ultranationalism develop?

How have people responded to ultranationalism?

Chapter 7

Ultranationalism and Crimes against Humanity

To what extent can the pursuit of ultranationalism lead to crimes against humanity?

What are crimes against humanity?

How has ultranationalism caused crimes against humanity?

What are some contemporary consequences of ultranationalism?

Chapter 8

National Self-Determination

To what extent should national self-determination be pursued?

What is national self-determination?

What are some effects of pursuing national self-determination?

What are some effects on Canada of pursuing national self-determination?

What are some unintended consequences of the pursuit of national self-determination?

The Big Picture

Your personal interests, such as your career choices and your health and well-being, are not fixed. They change constantly — as you change, as your needs change, and as the world around you changes.

You can control some of the events that shape your decisions about what is in your interests. If, for example, you plan to become a health care professional, you can choose an educational path that will improve your chances of achieving this goal.

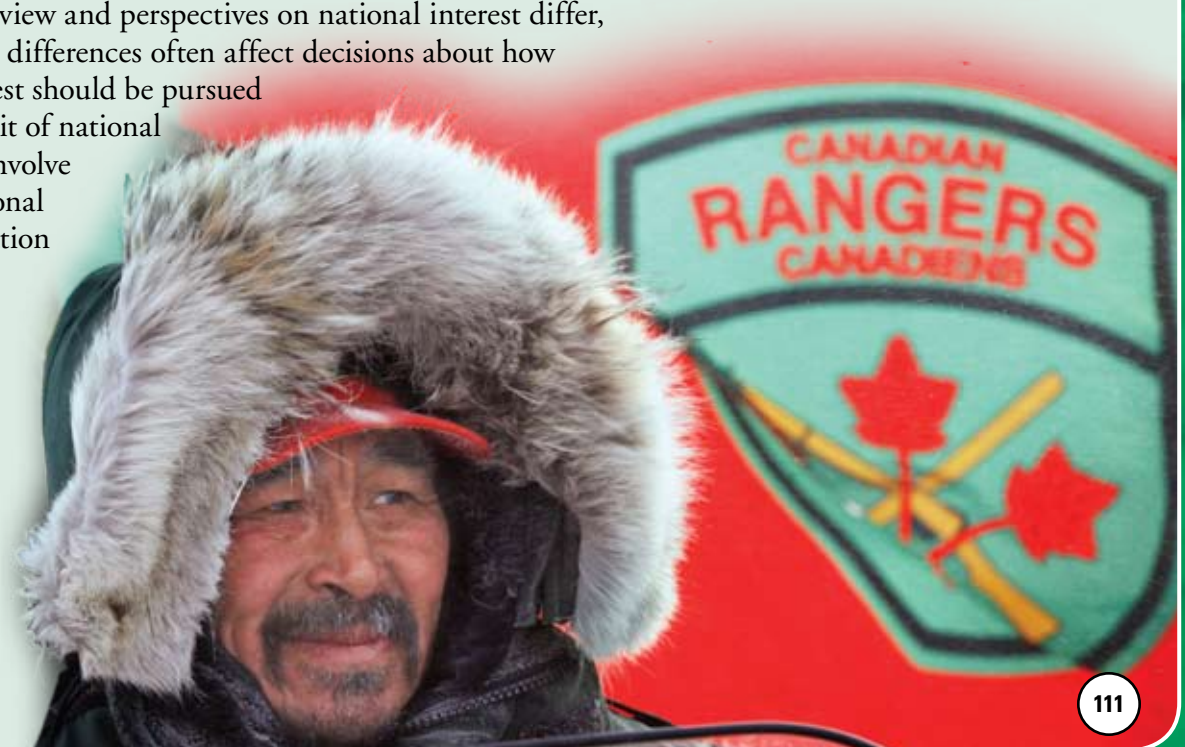
But not everything that affects your interests is in your control. An unexpected accident, an inheritance, or a life-altering emotional experience may prompt a change in the focus of your interests. You may suddenly need to leave school, adopt a different lifestyle, or develop new interests that have a deeper and more personal meaning. In addition, your ideas about what is in your interests may change as you mature. But no matter how you change, pursuing a course that is in your interests requires planning, thought, and an understanding of the changing influences that affect you.

Like you, countries and nations also have interests, and these interests, too, are shaped by events, some of which cannot be controlled. A global epidemic such as SARS, for example, requires an immediate response that may lead to a shift in priorities. But other interests, such as achieving economic prosperity, can be more closely controlled through specific actions and policies.

In Related Issue 1, you explored understandings of nation, nationalism, and identity. In this related issue, you will expand this understanding by exploring and analyzing the links that connect nationalism, national interest, ultranationalism, crimes against humanity, and the pursuit of national self-determination.

The chart on the preceding page shows how you will progress through the chapters of Related Issue 2. As you explore this related issue, you will come to appreciate

- that pursuing national interest can result in both positive and negative outcomes
- how ideas about national interest can change as circumstances change
- that points of view and perspectives on national interest differ, and that these differences often affect decisions about how national interest should be pursued
- that the pursuit of national interest may involve pursuing national self-determination



Your Challenge

Research and present an investigative report on a nationalist movement. As you explore and develop an informed opinion on this movement, you will also be developing a response to the question for this related issue: To what extent should national interest be pursued?

Checklist for Success

Use this checklist to ensure that your report includes everything necessary to be successful.

My Knowledge and Understanding

☑ My opinion is clearly expressed and supported by reliable, valid evidence.

☑ My report shows my understanding of the issue.

☑ My conclusions are logical and clearly expressed.

My Selection, Analysis, and Evaluation of Information

☑ My information was drawn from a variety of sources that are cited correctly and accurately.

☑ My information reflects diverse points of view and perspectives.

☑ My criteria for judgment are clearly explained.

My Report

☑ My choice of technology is appropriate.

☑ My presentation engages the audience and provides opportunities for audience feedback.

☑ My presentation is respectful of others.

Your Investigative Report

As you explore and analyze the ideas presented in this related issue, you will develop an understanding of nationalist movements, how they can evolve, and how they can reflect people's needs, interests, and aspirations. The movement you select may be one you encounter in *Exploring Nationalism* or one you search out for yourself. As you explore this movement, you will arrive at — and present — an informed opinion on the extent to which people should pursue national interest.

You will use technology to present the results of your investigation in the form of a video documentary, a computer software presentation, an e-zine or blog, an audio report, or a photographic essay — or in another format of your choosing. In addition to presenting your informed opinion on the movement, your report will include background, interviews, a summary of the current status of the movement, and your predictions about how the movement is likely to evolve in the future.

What Your Report Will Include

No matter how you choose to present your investigative report, it should include the following elements and answer some of the following questions:

- **Background and key events** — What events, ideas, people, and forces sparked the movement? Have conditions stayed the same? Have conditions improved? Deteriorated? Was Canada involved?
- **People** — Who are the key people involved? Who supports or opposes the movement? What are their stakes in the outcome? Who is hurt or helped? Who is overlooked? Is anyone involved who should not be?
- **Current status** — What is the status of the movement today? How has the movement affected nations and countries, leaders, and people and their neighbours? Canada and Canadians?
- **Predictions** — What is likely to happen and why? How will what happens affect the people involved? How will it affect Canada and Canadians?

Preparing Your Report

Step 1

Choose a nationalist movement and decide on the form your report will take. This decision will affect the kind of information you collect and how you collect it.

Step 2

The conclusion of your report will respond to the Related Issue 2 inquiry question: To what extent should national interest be pursued? Set criteria to help you make judgments in response to this question (e.g., Has pursuing national interest benefited the nationalist movement I chose?). As you progress through this related issue and conduct research, be prepared to adapt, revise, and refine your criteria.

Refer to the prologue (pp. 9–11) for tips on the inquiry process and to "Focus on Skills" (pp. 34–35) for tips on developing inquiry questions that will help guide your research. You may wish to begin by using some of the questions set out on page 112. As you progress through this related issue and find out more about the movement, be prepared to adapt and revise these questions.

Step 3

As you progress through the four chapters of this related issue, keep notes on the information you have gathered. Collect graphics and pictures, and conduct interviews if this is possible. To help organize this material, you may wish to record information on a chart like the one shown.

Step 4

At key intervals as you progress through this related issue, ask a partner or your teacher for feedback on the progress of your research, your conclusions, and your presentation format.

As you near the end of the four chapters in this related issue, begin organizing your material into the format you have chosen. As you assemble information, graphics, interviews, pictures, and notes, keep the related-issue question clearly in focus. Your informed opinion on this question will provide the foundation of your investigative report.

To what extent should national interest be pursued?

Nationalist Movement _____

Aspect of Report	Information	Notes and Sources
Background and key events		
People		
Current status		
Predictions		

Research Tip

When using a search engine to conduct online research, type in the names of the key people involved in the movement, as well as the name of the movement itself. This may provide additional and more varied points of view and perspectives. You may also wish to type in the names of other groups related to the movement you chose.